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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director  
for Planning and Development

SUBJECT : Current Requirements for Middle East Coverage

REFERENCE : Memorandum for SA/PD/DCI, from Chairman, ARC,  
Same Subject, dated 12 December 1958 (SC-06841/58)

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1. I learned by phone this morning that the Navy and the Army  
tend now to go along with [ ] whose views I reported in the  
reference, regarding the need for Middle East coverage, particularly  
[ ] The Air Force is neutral, which means that they're  
not against it but they're not hurting for coverage.

2. I have checked back with [ ] for the situation of the  
moment. He reports that there are no startling new developments but  
that the parties involved are in a state of alert to be ready to take military  
action if necessary.

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3. The last Middle East coverage is dated 19 November. Keeping  
in mind your admonition at the last staff meeting with regard to avoiding  
unnecessary risks in Middle East coverage, I am inclined to feel that  
coverage of the Middle East at this time would be pertinent.

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4. Recommendation: That you approve a Middle East mission  
with primary emphasis on [ ] (If you  
approve, I will immediately gather and forward requirements to Operations  
DPS/DCI for its guidance.)

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Recommendation in paragraph 4

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JAMES Q. REBER  
Chairman

Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

Richard M. Bissell, Jr.

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